

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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January 13, 2015

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

Subject: Invitation to Bid on Purchase Order Contract

Route: I-240, I-40 & I-26

County: Buncombe

Project Description: Landscape Contractor to Install and Establish Ornamental Landscape Plantings.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is seeking the services of a Registered Landscape Contractor to Install and Establish Ornamental Landscape Plantings. The contractor is to provide equipment, labor, materials and traffic control.

The date of availability for this contract is March 2, 2015.

The completion date for this contract is October 31, 2016.

Sealed bids must be received in the NC Department of Transportation Division Office at 55 Orange Street, Asheville, NC 28801 by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4, 2015. Bids must be submitted on the official bid sheet included in the proposal and display the following statement on the front of the envelope:

QUOTATION FOR CONTRACT 11457507: REGISTERED LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR TO INSTALL AND ESTABLISH ORNAMENTAL LANDSCAPE PLANTINGS IN BUNCOMBE COUNTY TO BE OPENED AT 2:00 PM WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015.

Firms that wish to perform work on Division Purchase Order Contracts as either the prime contractor or as a subcontractor on the project must be prequalified for the type work they wish to perform. Firms that wish to bid on these projects as the prime contractor must be prequalified <u>prior to submitting your bid</u>. Firms that wish to perform as a subcontractor to the prime contractor must be prequalified <u>prior to beginning work on the project</u>.

Any firm that wishes to bid as a prime contractor shall be prequalified as a Bidder or PO Prime Contractor prior to submitting a bid. Information regarding prequalification can be found at: https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/Prequal/Pages/default.aspx.

If you are unsure as to whether your firm is currently prequalified by the Department by the Contractual Services Unit, a search of the Directory of Transportation Firms can be performed at the following website: https://apps.dot.state.nc.us/vendor/directory/

It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to check our website for any addenda prior to submitting their bids. Bids submitted without project addenda included will not be considered for award.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights of 1964 (78 Stat.252) and the Regulations of the Department of Transportation (49 C.F.R., Part 21), issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that the contract entered into pursuant to this notice will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder without discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, color, or national origin.

Statements of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises participation must be presented with the bids.

Proposals may be obtained online at: https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Letting-List.aspx?let_type=13 or from the Division Engineer's office at 55 Orange Street, Asheville, NC 28801. To be considered for award, proposals obtained from the Departments website shall be printed in their entirety and submitted per the Instruction to Bidders directions. For all other request for proposals, please contact Ms. Renee Chambard, Division Staff Engineer at (828) 251-6171.

Cordially,

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M.K. Calloway Division Project Manager

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cc: Mr. J.J. Swain, Jr., P.E., Division Engineer Mr. D.R. McNeal, Division Operations Engineer Mr. F.K. Blazer, Acting Division Roadside Engineer